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1. The Otdel Zanayati (Trades Department) of the Ministry for Light Industry, located at Commerce Street (sic, possibly the Palace of Commerce is meant) in Sofia, allocates controlled raw materials to the Bulgarian cooperatives and the few private workshops still in existence. The department is divided into sections, each of which is responsible for a different raw material, such as iron, paints, leather, paper, chemicals, crude rubber, etc. Private workshops have difficulty in obtaining allocations, and may expect to obtain supplies only if their product is essential.
2. All crude rubber on the Bulgarian market is obtained from the USSR, and is of the following two types:
  - a. Natural crude rubber [redacted], in very small quantities, which has a stamp stating the origin; the bales of [redacted] rubber weigh 100 kilograms each, and the [redacted] bales weigh 50 kilograms each; the State sells the rubber to the consumers at 400 leva per kilogram; and
  - b. Synthetic rubber, of Soviet origin and produced from organic materials, obtained in large quantities.
3. Crude rubber is allocated to the Georgi Dimitrov (formerly Bakish) Tire Factory, located in the industrial quarter of Sofia about 500 meters from the Voenna Rampa railroad station. This factory is the only plant of its type in Bulgaria and supplies the total requirements of the country.
4. The central office for all military depots is at Banski Square in Sofia, opposite the public baths.
5. There are about 30 enterprises producing various rubber items in Bulgaria. The largest of these are a plant in Svetovrachene village about 15 kilometers from Sofia; a plant in Kurilo, the PPD Factory located behind the Boris Municipal Park in Sofia, and the former Eternit Factory in Ruse.

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